WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Central Government Health Scheme

†*403. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for change in the Central Government Health Scheme is under consideration of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the outlines of this proposal; and

(c) the details of benefits which are likely to be achieved as a result of the implementation of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The views of the Planning Commission on the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) will be reflected in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is presently under finalisation.

Reservation in jobs for Muslims

*404. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reserve certain percentage of jobs for the persons belonging to Muslim Community;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) If not, what are the reasons therefor and what other measures Government propose to take to uplift this community, majority of whose population belong to lower strata of society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) A National Commission to recommend measures for welfare of the socially and economically backward sections among the religious and linguistic minorities, including reservation for them in education and Government employment, has been constituted vide Resolution dated

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.